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- The following prisons are controlled by the Bulgarian police (Obshtestvena Bezopastnost):
 - Sofia: The main prison, approximately 4,500 political prisoners, most of whom were transferred from the Sliven prison;
 - b. Kyustendil: For the natives of Pirin Macedonia;
 - Vidin and Lom: For military men and reactionaries; and
 - Plovdiv, Stara Zagora, Pazardzhik, Turnovo, Sliven, Lovech, Varna, Shumen, Pleven, and Vratsa.

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- The concentration camps are divided into three categories: for reactionaries, deviationists, and for leaders who are considered capable of being reoriented.
- In the district of Tutrakan alone there are approximately 10,000 prisoners. The largest camp is that at Belene which has seven sectors, two of which contain more than 6,000 prisoners. Other concentration camps are located as follows:

a. Obruchishte: 3,000 prisoners;

Razgrad : 4,500 prisoners;

Dobrich : not known;

Burgas : not known;

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e. Nikolaevo: 2,800 prisoners;

f. Zagrad : 4,500 prisoners;

g. Kafaldzha: 1,500 prisoners;

h. Nozharevo: 1,500 prisoners;

i. Terter : not known;

j. Bashtina : not known;

k. Glavinitsa: not known;

1. Nakopolye (Nikopol?): not known;

m. Kavarna : not known; and

n. Salba (Shabla?): not known.

4,	Four thousand five hundred prisoners are interned in the Bogdanov Dol camp,	
	2.5 kilometers from the Pernik mine; this camp is known as "Death Camp" be-	
	cause of the cruel and inhumana treatment of the prisoners. A certain Gervosan	
	is commander of the camp. 50X1-HU	M

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